

no means the first time that it has shown its reactionary spirit—(1) When it practically forbade nurses to sign the Petition to the Prime Minister, asking for the direct representation of organised nurses on the General Nursing Council to be set up in a Nurses' Registration Act; and (2) Advising nurses to get their Members of Parliament to obstruct (wreck) the Nurses' Registration Bill on the Report Stage in the House of Commons last June. The menace to the freedom of the whole Nursing Profession, by the control of thousands of uninstructed and dependent nurses who are willing to be used against its progress and best interests by this oligarchy, is a very lively danger which must be vigilantly watched, exposed and opposed.

EDINBURGH NURSES' CLUB.

Miss M. F. Gordon, Lady Superintendent of the above Club, writes us with regard to the Note referring to the Club which appeared in our issue of March 20th, and states:—

"Your correspondent has evidently not made herself conversant with these conditions as she is in error in both points.

"(1) The Club is open to all nurses, and membership is not confined to members of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

"(2) Applicants for membership or for accommodation are *not* asked to join the College when joining the Club. Should an applicant be a member of the College her attention is drawn to the fact that it would be more advantageous to her to join the Centre before joining the Club, as she would then enjoy the privileges of the Centre as well as those of the Club at less expense.

"I enclose the conditions of membership and of admission to the Club for your information."

Our former correspondent wrote:—"A good deal of feeling has been aroused amongst nurses in Edinburgh, who think the new Club should like that of Glasgow be free to all nurses." and added: "The application for rooms is answered by a request to the applicant to join the College."

Upon carefully reading the Rules of the Edinburgh Nurses' Club, we gather that it is not open to all nurses *on equal terms*.

1. On the "Application for membership" the first question is:—

Are you a member of the Edinburgh Centre of the College of Nursing, Ltd.?

2. Under heading of "Subscription," the first intimation is:—

Members of the Edinburgh Centre, 7s. 6d. for one year; or of other Centres of the College of Nursing, Ltd., 5s. for six months. Entrance fee, 5s.

For other Trained Nurses, 10s. 6d. for one year; 7s. 6d. for six months. Entrance fee 5s.

So that "other trained nurses" pay 10s. 6d. per annum, and College Nurses, 7s. 6d.

Then we note that a room on the first floor (we are informed it is the drawing-room) is set apart

for the use of the members of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

These are the vexatious inequalities resented by Edinburgh nurses who do not wish to be forced to join the College.

In Glasgow, at the Scottish Nurses' Club, no privileges are secured to members of the Scottish Nurses' Association who founded it—all nurses are treated, as they should be, on an equality.

The question arises—was the Edinburgh Club, as was the Glasgow Club, founded largely on benefactions from the general public "for trained nurses"? Or was the money specially donated to the College of Nursing, Ltd.? If the latter was the case, then it should be entirely reserved for members of the College; and if not, it should be thrown open on *equal terms* to all trained nurses who conform to the professional requirements. The sort of "Peri outside Paradise" treatment of non-College members, so far as the Drawing-room is concerned, is in any case quite unjustifiable.

For the future let us hope all "Registered Nurses" to whatever Societies they belong, will be treated on an equality, and unity and good fellowship encouraged throughout the profession.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Johnson Hospital, Spalding.—Miss Ethel Foster has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, where she was also Night Sister, and Acting Matron. She has also been Matron of Barham Isolation Hospital, Ipswich.

Royal Asylum, Aberdeen.—Miss J. Finlayson Mackenzie has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has held the position of Assistant Matron at the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, Matron of the Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital, Dumfries, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Asylum, Montrose.

SISTER.

Royal Infirmary, Chester.—Miss Gladys Luke has been appointed Housekeeping and Out-patient Department Sister. She was trained at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, and has held Sisters' posts for four years.

Miss Dorothy Hartland has been appointed Sister of the Pensioners' Ward. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, was a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., and saw war service as a Sister both at home and abroad.

Miss Dorothy Tomlinson, has been appointed Sister, she was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has served in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Miss Emma Jackson, also appointed Sister, was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and holds I.S.T.M. and Fever Hospital certificates.

INFANT WELFARE ORGANIZER.

Infant Welfare Centre, Newfoundland.—Miss Edith Haslam has been selected to organise Infant Welfare work in Newfoundland. She was trained at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, and served in France with the American Red Cross. For the past year she has been engaged in Infant Welfare Work in London. Miss Haslam is a Certified Midwife, and holds the

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